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**Cc:** Anderson-Carnahan, Linda; Wernitz, James  
**Subject:** RE: 10-minute advisor: 5 PM Administrator McCarthy statement re Gold King release

Just to add to what Ken noted, from a HQ perspective this is currently focusing on the SF program, and our assessment, removal, and remedial work. We will be working very closely with Ken over the next couple of days to complete an inventory of sites.

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Hey everyone – sharing the latest on Animas River release from Gold King. There is still much discussion at HQ with respect to what this directive means – as I learn more, I will share, but in the immediate timeframe we’ve been instructed to identify EPA lead sites (assessment, removal, remedial) that are active, or will be active where the potential for a Gold King type (not clearly defined) release is present. Again, as I learn more, I will share. Thanks, Ken

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FYI....assuming you've already seen this...

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
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# Statement from EPA Administrator to Regional Administrators RE: ongoing field work at mines

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy today sent the below directive to Regional Administrators regarding ongoing field work at mines:

"While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions."

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